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LANTERN CAUSED RISING.

Further Particulars of the Trouble in German West Africa—Punitive Expedition in Field.

Berlin, March 2.—The rising of native troops in the Cross and Sannago Rivers region of German Cameroon, Equatorial West Africa, resulting in several fatalities of the Northwest Cameroon Company being burned down, and four Germans killed, as announced in these dispatches yesterday, was caused by the eccentric conduct of Count Von Puckler, and was directly due to the theft of a lantern from the Northwest Cameroon Co.

Von Puckler, who was the government's district commissioner, was reputed to be a quiet and sensible administrator, having sound knowledge of native ways and character. He formerly was an employee of the Northwest Cameroon Co., but recently had been employed by the government. Herr Schoeller, president of the company, received in December last a long letter from Count Von Puckler regarding the stolen lantern, concluding with the assertion that he intended to make the property of white men respected by burning several villages. Herr Schoeller inferred from the violence of the language of Von Puckler that the latter was deranged, and wrote both the Count and the agents of the company commanding that nothing be done of so trivial a matter. Herr Schoeller's letters arrived too late.

The Count, with twenty-five men, tried to arrest the headmen of one of the villages, but the Count was killed and his escort with difficulty escaped. During the next few days the company's factories on the Cross river were burned down and four agents were killed. A punitive expedition has now arrived in the hostile district. Count Von Puckler, as appears from information subsequently received by Herr Schoeller, had recently given way to fits of fury against the negroes, attributed to the state of his health, as a result of his long residence in the hot climate of Equatorial West Africa.

FRENCH POLITICS.

Minister Says There Is Lack of Friendly Relations Among Members of the Cabinet.

Paris, March 2.—The *Figaro* this morning follows up the interview it published yesterday with Premier Combes upon the reports that the cabinet is likely to fall soon, with the report of a lengthy conversation between a member of the cabinet, whose identity is not divulged, and an intimate friend. This minister said there was a total absence of cordial relations among the cabinet members, who avoided exchange elsewhere than at the official meetings, and who even then did not discuss matters, but simply accepted the proposals made by Combes. He added that all the members would be glad when the cabinet was overthrown, but that none was willing to compromise his colleagues by taking the initiative by resigning, and declared the chamber of deputies would at once reverse the cabinet if it could vote secretly, but that the deputies feared the accusation of reactionary tendencies if they did not support the government's anti-clerical policy.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

(Associated Press.)
Columbus, Ohio, March 2.—The Supreme court has declared unconstitutional the law which provides a penalty of \$100 fine and six months' imprisonment for anyone who discharges a workman because he is a member of a labor union.

THE RUSSIAN RANKS REDUCED BY THOUSANDS

Sickness Has Broken Out Among the Soldiers—Many Have Been Disabled by Frostbites—Difficulty is Already Experienced in Supplying the Troops With Food.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 2.—Reports received here, says a cable to the World from St. Petersburg, from the troops along the route to Harbin, show a disheartening condition of affairs. Disease is rife among the soldiers.

A smallpox epidemic is raging in East Siberia, and has spread among the regiments, vaccination being unheard of in the army. Pneumonia and bronchitis are claiming many, and already thousands of men have been rendered unfit for service by frostbites.

Intense cold, more than usual, is experienced in East Siberia, and blinding snow blizzards are frequent. At Irkutsk as low as 25 degrees below zero are registered. The progress of troop trains is constantly impeded by snow drifts. At every station soldiers partially frozen are left behind in most cases without other medical attention than that afforded by the rough and ready service that the villagers can supply.

The commissariat has broken down badly, and the men have often to go 24 hours at a stretch without food or drink. The worst portion of the journey is across Lake Baikal.

MASSING AT PING YANG.

Large Forces of Japanese Debarking at Nearby Ports.

Paris, March 2.—Information reaching here from official sources shows the Japanese concentration of troops is going on in the neighborhood of Ping Yang, Korea. Large forces are debarking from transports at nearby ports, from which it is assumed that an extensive land engagement is imminent in northern Korea.

CHANGE OF PLANS.

Land Investment of Port Arthur Will Not Begin For Two Weeks.

Washington, March 2.—The landing in force of the Japanese on the Liao Tung peninsula, and the beginning of the land investment of Port Arthur will not begin for a fortnight, according to advices received here, from what are believed to be reliable sources. It was expected that the attack upon the fortress would take place yesterday or to-day, but the later advices, without explaining the reason for delay, show that there has been a change in the original plans.

Army officers here think that the Japanese

CAUSING ANXIETY.

Movement of Chinese Towards Manchurian Frontier Alarms the French.

New York, March 2.—The French foreign office, according to a Paris dispatch to the World, is worried over the movement of Chinese troops towards the Manchurian frontier. The officials fear that Japan may follow her dominion of Korea by coaxing or forcing China to be a third party in the combination of yellow peoples.

The French minister to Peking has been instructed to join the other foreign ministers in strongly urging on the Chinese government the necessity of maintaining strict neutrality.

PROVIDING FOR TROOPS.

Russian General Says They Are Well Supplied With Warm Clothing.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—General Soukhotine, who is on his way to the Far East, telegraphs to War Minister Sakharoff from Tomsk, Siberia, as follows: "During my long journey I saw several



A HALT ON THE MARCH.

Japanese Troops Resting For Rations.

IN DESPERATE STRAITS.

The Retzikan Blocks Port Arthur Against Other Russian Battleships.

New York, March 2.—The position of the Russians at Port Arthur, says a cable to the World from Berlin, is described by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Scheichge Zeitung* as desperate.

The damaged Retzikan, he states, blocks the narrow entrance to the harbor against other battleships. She can neither be repaired nor moved. All the other battleships are land-locked.

Scarcely anything is heard of the torpedo boats. It is assumed that they are without ammunition. There are consequently only the three cruisers.

According to accounts now published, the Novik and Askold have been put out of action.

anese have decided that with the railway connecting Port Arthur with the outside world cut, thus preventing supplies from the outside reaching that place, two weeks' privation will render the final assault easier.

Moreover, as Port Arthur can be safely left as it is for the time being, the troops may be employed in Northern Korea and near the Yalu river, where they are most needed.

UNCONFIRMED RUMOR.

Of the Fall of Port Arthur Was Current in Lobby of Commons To-day.

London, March 2.—A rumor was circulated in the lobby of the House of Commons this afternoon that Port Arthur had fallen. The origin of the rumor could not be traced, and no confirmation whatever was obtainable.

divisions of troops. Their transport was proceeding in perfect order. The men were provided with warm clothing. At Cheliabinsk everything is under the close control of the military chief of the district, who sees personally that the troops are supplied with warm garments."

GOING TO EAST.

Sir W. Nicholson, British Military Observer, Leaves Ottawa for Coast To-day.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 2.—Sir Wm. Nicholson, director-general of mobilization and military intelligence, and Lieut.-Col. A. Haldane, arrived here to-day. They were met by Lord Dundonald, who accompanied them to Government House, where they are the guests of Lord Minto. Sir William has had a long distinguish-

ed military career. He is 58 years of age and has been in the army since 1865. He got his promotion after the South African war. He goes as British representative to watch the military operations in the war between Japan and Russia.

Lieut.-Col. Haldane has also had a distinguished career. He got his D. S. O. at the Dargai Pass, where the Scotch piper, after having his legs shot from under him, played the Highlanders on to victory to the tune of "Cock of the North." Col. Haldane was captured in South Africa and wrote a book telling how he escaped from Pretoria.

Sir William and Col. Haldane leave by the limited to-day for the Pacific coast.

WORKMEN KILLED.

Many Carried to Death by the Collapse of Building in New York.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 2.—Following an explosion of a hoisting engine in the Darlingdon, a nine-story apartment house now in course of construction at the corner of Forty-sixth street and Sixth avenue, that building collapsed, carrying down from 30 to 50 workmen, many of whom were killed outright.

In falling the Darlingdon building ruined ten of the twelve stories of the rear portion of the Patterson hotel, which adjoined on the rear, one woman guest being dangerously injured, while a waiter and a kitchen-helper were buried under the debris.

Several bodies were soon afterwards recovered from the ruins of the Darlingdon, and the salvage corps of the fire department began to tear down the remains of the westerly wall of the Darlingdon. As they did so screams were heard from under the wooden sidewalk, and Rev. Father McNulty went down among the debris and through the spaces to give final absolution.

The boiler used to supply power to the hoisting machinery exploded about an hour after the men returned to work from lunch this afternoon. The explosion weakened the lateral supports of the building and the whole pile of iron, brick and stone collapsed.

Several of the injured who have been removed to the hospitals are reported as being in a critical condition. Foreman Halpin, in charge of the work in building, was arrested soon after the building collapsed. He says that at least twenty men are buried in the ruins. He says he heard no explosion.

A RARE TREAT

Enjoyed By Those Who Attended Concert in St. Andrew's Church Last Evening.

It is gratifying that there was a large attendance at the recital in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening, for nothing is more incongruous than a splendid programme and a small audience. Fortunately similar events in the past had established a reputation which proved an irresistible advertisement, and the number present last evening, therefore, fully equalled the expectations of those in charge of the arrangements. Few better balanced programmes have been presented in this city, and seldom has such an aggregation of talent participated in one entertainment.

The programme opened with an artistic rendering of Collins's overture by Organist Geo. J. Burnett, whose ability is so obvious that further comment seems unnecessary. Herbert Taylor sang in fine style Gounod's "O, Divine Redeemer," overcoming a trying handicap in the shape of a severe cold so successfully that the indisposition was barely perceptible. Mrs. D. E. Campbell and Miss Jeanne McAlpine have never been heard to better advantage. The former's rich, well-trained voice was thoroughly at home in the two selections given by her. Victoria audiences will certainly make many importunate demands on Mrs. Campbell's store of vocal talent, convincing testimony to the favorable impression she has created. Of Miss McAlpine's rendering of "A Song of Thanks-giving" and the immortal "Ave Maria" (Gounod) too much cannot be said. The singer was never in better voice. Mr. Houston's reading, "The Burial of Moses" (Mrs. C. F. Alexander) was given in excellent taste, a positive education in the line of elocution.

The musical and literary features of this programme were most ably supported by Jesse Longfield, whose viola and violin selections aroused an appreciation which was prevented from receiving demonstrative expression only because of the sacred character of the building. The recital from the oratorio, Elijah, "What Have I to Do With Thee?" by Miss McAlpine and Herbert Taylor, was a particularly gem of the evening. Mr. Burnett closed the programme with a splendid interpretation of "Liebesträume," one of his own compositions. This sterling performer also acted as accompanist throughout the evening.

PERSONAL.

Alexis Martin returned to the city last evening. He has been absent in the East, having been summoned to Hamilton, Ont., by the illness of his father. Mr. Martin reached Hamilton shortly before his father's death.

J. C. Carruthers, of Nelson, and M. N. Merrill, M. J. Knight, W. G. Thomson and Fred J. Moore, of Vancouver, are guests at the Vernon.

Dr. W. S. Dunlap and Mrs. Dunlap, of Hongkong, arrived on the Empress last evening and are at the Vernon. Lady Bromley and H. A. Bromley arrived by the Empress of India and are staying with James Dunsmuir.

Dr. T. Tegener, manager of the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

McEwan and A. F. McEwan, of Seattle, are guests at the Driford.

Graham H. Brown, of London, Eng., is at the Driford.

M. Davis, of Hamilton, is at the Vernon.

THE GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES

ISLAND WIRES LEASED
BY NEW COMPANY

Assumes Possession on First of May—
Head Offices to Be Established Here.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 2.—An order-in-council has been passed approving the lease to C. H. Gibbons, of Vancouver, and D. V. Mott, of Fernie, in trust for the British Pacific Telegraph Company, for 21 years, of the Dominion government telegraph lines on Vancouver Island.

These lines were originally built about eight years ago, and have since been maintained, chiefly for the purpose of affording distressed shipping and seamen facilities for communicating with owners, agents or the authorities at Victoria, and not being designed for commercial uses. The last report of the superintendent of telegraphs, Mr. Keeler, attached to the report of the minister of public works for 1902, states that the expenditure on the Victoria-Cape Beale line alone for the year ended June 30th, 1902, was \$7,927.03, while the revenue therefrom in the same period was but \$363.81.

The British Pacific Telegraph Company, which Messrs. Gibbons and Mott are now incorporating under the Companies Act of the Dominion, which will be capitalized at \$25,000, and stock in which is fully taken up and paid for, aims to make the lines acquired commercially profitable, while maintaining them in high state of efficiency.

The Victoria-Cape Beale line connecting as it does with the Pacific cable at Beaufort Creek, its American terminus, the intention is to make this line an independent link between the telegraph lines of America, converging at Victoria, and the cable-access to which has heretofore been monopolized by the C. P. R. The volume of cable business is already large, and it is believed that with the promised independent connection and the competition which it will stimulate, the business will be developed.

In return for the lease, concessions from the government, which relieves the company of the necessity of building lines from Victoria to the Pacific sea-board, the company guarantees the government immunity from further expense in maintenance and operation of the line, gives free transmission to all government messages, shipping distress reports, weather and departmental bulletins. A cash payment is also made annually to the government, so that a considerable loss is replaced by a certain revenue.

The government retains the right to terminate the lease (with compensation to the company to be arrived at by arbitration) should nationalization of telegraphs be decided upon as a feature of the Canadian government policy at any time during the life of this concession.

The British Pacific Telegraph Company will have its head offices at Victoria, B. C. Mr. Mott will probably fill the presidency, Mr. Gibbons being vice-president and general manager. The company assumes possession of the lines on May 1st by which date it is intended to have them in AI working order. Their enterprises will give employment, at good salaries, to about 20 men in Victoria and vicinity.

WITHDRAWN.

Action by Columbia Regarding Panama Canal Property Settled Out of Court.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 2.—The suit of the Columbia government brought in Paris to restrain the Panama Canal Company from diverting the canal property to the United States, according to a dispatch from New Orleans and published in the Sun, has been settled out of court.

The suit, it is said, will be withdrawn at once, but it will be some time before the announcement will be made officially.

The cable message from Brasilia said to have been signed by a high Colombian authority. It is to the effect that a satisfactory settlement of the suit has been agreed upon privately, and that the action will be dismissed without further legal formality.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

(Associated Press.)

City of Mexico, March 2.—A great pilgrimage to Lourdes, Rome and the Holy Land is being organized here. The pilgrims will make the journey going in special trains to New York, and thence by steamer to France. Many wealthy pilgrims desire to pay their respects to the new Pope.

RUSSIAN CRUISER

Allowed to Remain Five Days at Suez to Complete Repairs.

Suez, March 2.—The Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi, which applied for permission to remain here for repairs, has been allowed five days in which to complete the necessary work.

In saving a four-year-old child from being run over by a heavy express wagon in New York, Frank Carlin, an umbrella mender, was probably fatally injured. He threw the girl out of harm's way, but was himself run over and received serious internal injuries and fractured ribs.

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TROOPS LANDING DAILY IN KOREA

JAPANESE INFANTRY MASSING NEAR CHEMULPO

Military Railway Will Be Built Immediately—A Reply to the Russian Note.

London, March 2.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chemulpo, who has just returned there from Cheongju, Korea, cables that Japanese transports, carrying troops, continue to arrive at Chemulpo at the rate of one a day, while provisions are being landed near Hwangju, 4 miles northwest of Chemulpo, at the head of the Tai Dong River, where a large force of Japanese infantry has concentrated.

"A serious defect has been disclosed," the correspondent continues, "it is feared that most of the Japanese horses are unserviceable. The Japanese squadron at Chemulpo is being strengthened. A fleet of 12 battleships and cruisers has been stationed permanently in Prince Jerome Gulf, between Cheddo Island and the anchorage. Yesterday I saw a cruiser of the Nitaka type beached at the entrance of Nam Yang creek. She was deserted except for a Japanese guard. The Koreans are hostile to the Japanese and they are assisting the Russians in Northern Korea."

In a dispatch from Shanghai a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that the Japanese military authorities object to the installation of wireless telegraph apparatus on newspaper dispatch boats.

The Russo-Russo-Russo-Russo-Russo

Seoul, March 1.—Advices from the north report that 1,500 Russians are at Chong Ju, 500 at Kuzeng, and 50 at Anju. These forces probably are only feints sent out to locate the position of the Japanese.

Military Railways.

Tokyo, March 1.—According to the stipulations of the protocol the Japanese minister at Seoul has notified the Korean government that the building of a railroad from Seoul to Wiju for military purposes will be commenced forthwith. Engineers and surveyors have already left for Seoul.

At Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, March 1.—Several newspaper correspondents and residents of this place who left here a short while ago have returned. They say they found the conditions of living at Nikolai and Harbin to be less favorable than here. Everything is quiet at Vladivostok, the rise in the price of provisions is slight and trade continues. The blizzard has ceased and there are now snowdrifts stretching for sixty or seventy miles from the fortress. Schools have been started here for the instruction of hospital nurses. The conviction is the ultimate success of Russian arms is growing here.

Japan's Reply.

Washington, March 1.—An authorized statement received today from the government was given out by the Japanese minister. In substance it says:

"The Russian government has charged Japan with having treacherously obtained a victory by a sudden attack upon Russia, who was bent upon obtaining peace. It is further asserted in communications that since the rupture of diplomatic relations can never be looked upon as the opening of hostilities, and since Japan did not issue a declaration of war until the 11th of February, she was guilty of a flagrant breach of the principles of international law in making as early as the 8th of February a most unprovoked attack upon Russian men-of-war and merchant vessels."

"The answer to these charges may be found in the action of Russia. By delays that could not be construed as otherwise than wanton and unnecessary, she put off the settlement of the questions at issue, while at the same time totally extending her naval and military preparations. Her warlike preparations in the Far East since last April, when she failed to carry out her treaty of engagement to evacuate Manchuria, are in full confirmation of these statements."

"During that time the increase made in her naval strength in the Far East was nineteen vessels with a total tonnage of 82,845. In addition to these vessels the Russian government have sent torpedo destroyers in sections by rail to Port Arthur, where the work of putting them together has been hastened, and seven of them already have been completed. Furthermore, two vessels of the volunteer fleet were armed at Vladivostok and hoisted the Russian ensign. The Russian government also ordered to the Far East one battleship, three cruisers, seven destroyers and four torpedo boats of a total tonnage of about 30,740, which would have joined the Russian squadron in the Far East had not circumstances subsequently compelled Russia to recall them."

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to the least criticism in this regard from the standpoint of international law; it must be acknowledged that the charges made against her does not come with good grace from Russia, inasmuch as there are not only many historical instances of Russia herself resorting to hostilities without declaring war, but also occasion that of her invasion of Finland in 1808, when she began war before there had even been a rupture of diplomatic relations."

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PORT FOR PEACE.

Turkey Will Not Take Advantage of Present Situation in the Far East.

Paris, March 1.—Authoritative advices have been received in Paris which show the Turkish attitude towards the situation in the Balkans. Serbia and Bulgaria have given fresh assurances that they propose to maintain peace. Conditions, it is claimed, do not show any intention of the Porte to take advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the Far East.

The satisfactory condition has been brought about, it is understood, as the result of the attitude of Germany, whose influence was exercised on Turkey by Austria, which represented the inadvisability of a belligerent attitude, and of Romania and Russia, which applied pressure on Bulgaria and Serbia. Russia and Austria are understood to be acting together to bring about the enforcement of financial as well as other reforms in Macedonia. Regarding Great Britain, there seems to be some doubt as to her attitude, for a war in the Balkans naturally would further embarrass Russia, but it is pointed out that British influence is not as strong in that part of the world as formerly, and that Russia, Austria and Germany acting together can overcome a middle-eastern policy on the part of any other power.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Man Recently Extradited From Canada Released on \$5,000 Bail.

New York, March 1.—James N. Abel, indicted for forgery in the third degree, when arraigned before Recorder Gott today pleaded guilty and was released on \$5,000 bail. Abel, who was extradited from Canada recently, is charged with forging the name of the vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Company to a letter of introduction to Miss Eleanor Anderson, daughter of a Sixth avenue restaurant.

NAVAL STATION PROPOSED.

Washington, March 1.—The naval appropriations bill was today reported to the Senate. The provision for a naval training station on the Great Lakes was again incorporated in the measure.

Woman's Dangers

THE LIVES OF ALL WOMEN BE-SET BY SECRET TROUBLES

A Simple and Certain Method by Which the Ills of Girlhood and Womanhood May Be Overcome.

Every woman's health depends upon her blood—its richness and its regularity. Sometimes it is hard to believe that nearly all common diseases spring from the blood, no matter how different they may seem. It is hard, for instance, to realize that rheumatism and indigestion are both the cause of bad blood, and both cured by good blood. But there can be no doubt in the case of the secret troubles of a woman's life, from fifteen to fifty. The blood is plainly the cause of all her irregularities in health. Then comes the signs of secret illness, the headache, backache and rheumatism, the pale cheeks and dull eyes, the falling appetite and irritable nerves; the hysteria and biliousness; the weakness and languor; the distress and despondency and all the weary wretched feelings that attack women in their times of ill-health. And the blood is to blame for it all. When the blood is rich and red and regular, there is little trouble in the life of mind or matter. That is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are worth their weight in gold to every woman. They actually make new blood. Every dose sends galloping through the veins pure, strong, rich, red blood that drives out the cause of the secret illness. The new blood restores regularity and braces all the special organs for their special tasks. In this way Dr. Williams' Pink Pills banish the backaches and headaches, sharpen the appetite and the energies, soothe the nerves and bring back the rosy glow of health to faded cheeks. This is the special mission of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and there is no other medicine in the world can do it so successfully. Mrs. George Danby, of Tilbury, Ont., has proved the truth of these statements and says so for the benefit her experience may bring to other suffering women. Mrs. Danby says: "I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a blessing to suffering women. For a long time I was a great sufferer from the ailments that afflict so many of my sex. I was extremely nervous at all times, suffered a great deal with headaches and indigestion. In fact I was in a most miserable condition when I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but after taking them a short time I began to improve, and through their further use I am altogether like a new woman. I am sure if more women would take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills they would be convinced of the great good they can do."

What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for Mrs. Danby they can do for every growing girl and ailing woman in Canada, if they are given a fair and unimpaired use. But you must make sure you get the genuine pills with the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around every box. To be had from dealers in medicine or by mail from a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

DOCTORED NINE YEARS FOR TETTER.

Mr. James Gaston, merchant, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., writes: "For nine years I have been afflicted with Tetters on my hands and feet. At last I have found a cure in Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It helped me from the first application, and now I am permanently cured." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—135.



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"I am glad that I followed her advice for my ailment and pain is gone, and not only this, but my general health is much improved. I have a fine appetite and have gained in flesh. My earnest advice to suffering women is to put aside all other medicines and take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Miss Nellie Holmes, 540 No. Division St., Buffalo, N.Y.—\$5000 perfect if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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Public Notice

Owing to the extremely high price of flour, it was unanimously decided at a meeting of the Master Bakers of Victoria to advance the price of bread on and after the 1st of March to six cents per loaf or 10 loaves per \$1.

(Signed) D. W. Hanbury, John C. Darling, J. H. Dickson, B. L. Borge, Rennie & Taylor, George F. Flanagan, M. R. Smith & Co., Alfred Coombs, C. F. Shilling.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EPHRAIM CHAMPOUX, DECEASED.

Take notice that, pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake made herein the 19th day of February, 1904, John Cornelius Nelson was appointed administrator of the estate of Ephraim Champoux, deceased, intestate, late of the Hotel Metropole, in the City of Seattle, Washington, United States of America.

And take notice that all creditors of the said deceased are required on or before the 15th day of March, 1904, to send to the undersigned, post paid, particulars of their claims duly verified.

And notice is hereby given that said administrator will, after the said date, proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of creditors of whose debts or claims he shall have received notice, and that he will not be responsible for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose debts or claims he shall not have received notice. Dated February 17th, 1904.

Care Eberts & Co., Solicitors.

30 Langley St., Victoria, B. C.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH HOBBS, DECEASED.

Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trusts and Executors Act," all creditors and persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased, who died at Victoria, B. C., on the 30th December, 1903, are requested to send by post, or deliver to the executor, Robert Thompson Clanton, Topaz avenue, Victoria, B. C., or to the undersigned, on or before the 5th day of March, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Sarah Hobbs on or before the 30th day of December, 1903, are required to pay the same, if not already paid to the executor within the period above mentioned. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 1st day of January, 1904.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,

20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executor.

The Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the above named Company will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Victoria, B. C., on Monday, the eleventh day of April, 1904, at 8:30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the passing of a resolution authorizing the Directors to raise such moneys as is authorized by the Company's Act of Incorporation, or such less sum of moneys as may be thought advisable, by the issue of bonds, debentures or other securities.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 26th day of February, 1904.

By order, JAMES JEFFREY, Secretary.

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FOR SALE—A few thoroughly pointed supplies, 4 weeks old, from Chicago. Bess by Oregon Lad. M. A. Wythe, Times Office.

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FOR SALE—House, corner Head street and Esquimaux road, with modern improvements. Inquire on premises, or 61 First street.

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FOR SALE—At a sacrifice, section 24, Goldstream District, 165 acres of land, suitable for stock or chicken raising; must be sold. Write, making an offer, to Box 514, Vancouver, B. C.

FOR SALE—At less than cost of improvements, 121 acres in Highland District, first-class frame dwelling, log stable and other outbuildings, about 50 fruit trees beginning to bear; make fine chicken ranch; good road; \$1,000—terms. Apply Times office.

LOST—3 black pigs. Finder please return them to Tappan avenue and get reward. T. B. MacNutt.



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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 2-5 a.m.—The pressure is increasing throughout both the North Pacific slope and the Canadian Northwest. Falls of snow and sleet have been general west of the Rockies, in most sections as far south as California, and killing and heavy frosts are reported from various stations. In the Northwest the weather is generally fair and cold.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly winds, generally fair and cold. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.31; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; snow, 11; weather, clear.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 28; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, 65; weather, fair.
Kaslo—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 8; minimum, 8; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 2; minimum, 2 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 10; weather, rain.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—A J Morris, J T McDevitt, D C Lew, Miss Armstrong, J O Hall, Mrs J B Mitchell, B Hope, J Conley, J Richardson and wife, J Moore, A E Wilson, C L Quinn, P Groat, J T Moore, H McLean, D N Hammond, Mrs Von Rhein, J Elyne, C Osborne, N J Vannier, Mr and Mrs J Morton, Miss Gill, J N Merrill, N J Knight, J D Scott, T W Wyndham, Mr Thomson, Jno Body, C E McGoldrick, J Fyre, F A Corley, T Davis, A H MacDonald, Alexis Martin, J B Nimmo, J C Caruthers, G Brown, Iry Smith, E H Smith, V Wainwright, Mrs Heritage, R Collier, P R Hemling, Jno Barnsley.
Per steamer Whatcom from the Sound—Mrs Carlson, H S Bennett, W Clark and wife, Mrs Hancock, V L Matson, W E West, A Coleman, Geo Ward, A Scoler, H Wilson, W H Holden, L Whitely, P Groat, Mrs McDonald, R P Butcher, Mrs Butcher, S Jones, Sister, Mrs May, H B Gardner, G G Gardner.
Per steamer Iroquois from Nanaimo—F Martin, C Osborne, C Horth, Mrs Ackerman, Mrs Elington, A B Bombardier, Mrs Bombardier and family, Miss Bertha Brown, Mrs Green, J Akerlund, W H Smith, G B Ordano, Mrs Ordano, A C Elliott, J T Montgomery, C R Esnouf, G Watkinson, J Garmus.
Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—J Rackart, E Moeel, A Davis, G T Bullen, H A Cooper, Mrs Beetha Brown, W H Holden, B Smith, B C Manning, Mr Thornton, A F McEwen, W H McEwen, D E Brander.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—E G Prior & Co, F R S & Co, J A Anderson, R P Rithet & Co, Vile Mach Depot, W H Bowman, Shawing L Lye Co, Walter Bros, Vais & Brothers, Jay & Co, P McQuade & Sons, N Peppers, B Wilson & Co.
Per steamer Iroquois from Nanaimo—Dixi Ross & Co, Blasinger & Co, B C Soap Works, Henry Brown, Mowat & Wallace, J F Smith, W E Nachtrieb.

The blizzard on the Rome, Waterloo and Ogdensburg division of the New York Central on Monday night was the worst of the winter. Nearly every passenger train on the road and many freight trains were stalled.

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RUSSIAN VESSELS WERE AGGRESSORS

INCIDENTS LEADING UP TO CHEMULPO FIGHT

Japanese Torpedo Flotilla Was Convoying Transports When Fired on—Details of Other Battles.

Some very interesting details of the battles at sea which have already been fought between Russian and Japanese fleets were received from the Orient through the arrival of the E. M. S. Empress of India, Capt. O. P. Marshall, R. N. R., details which put an entirely different complexion on one very important event at least. This was the sinking of the two Russian vessels which, according to previous reports, were first challenged to fight when in port. It now appears that the Japanese fleet, in command of Admiral Urien, escorting the Japanese transports, approached the entrance of the port of Chemulpo on the evening of February 28th. Approaching an island situated about seven miles off Chemulpo, she met the Russian gunboat, Kozletz. The latter at once assumed a defensive attitude and then fired on the torpedo boats of the Japanese fleet. A reply with torpedoes was made but without effect.

The Russian vessel at once returned to her original anchorage in the harbor of Chemulpo and the Japanese fleet proceeded to that port. At 8 o'clock on the morning of February 29th the admiral made a formal demand on the captain of the cruiser Varang, the Russian senior naval officer in port, to retire from the port before noon on that day, stating in case of non-compliance with that demand the Japanese fleet would attack him in the harbor. The Japanese fleet, followed by the two Russian men-of-war, at about 11.30 the Japanese fleet met the two Russian men-of-war near the Polynesia islands and an engagement took place.

After an hour's encounter, the Russian men-of-war had to retreat, and at 4 o'clock the Kozletz sank, presumably through some internal explosion. The Varang, which was disabled, sank the same evening.

Details of the damage done to the Japanese fleet in the first attack on Port Arthur were also received by the R. M. S. Empress of India. Referring to the engagement at the Kobe Chronicle of the 17th says:

It is now believed that the torpedo attack at Port Arthur resulted in two Russian vessels, including two battleships, being badly damaged. Of the Japanese squadrons, the battleship Matsushima was struck at the stern and on the upper deck, while the cruiser Iwate received many projectiles. A shell exploded on the battleship Fuji, and, as already reported, Commander Yamataka was killed. The casualties of the Japanese were five killed and 53 wounded. The cruiser Chitose was also damaged, and damage was inflicted by projectiles from the forts, but the fighting capacity of the attacking squadron was in no way interfered with.

Lieutenant Matsushima, one of the flag officers of the battleship Mikasa, was severely injured in the Port Arthur fight and is now at Sasebo, is reported to have said that the Japanese squadrons had no intention of making a second attack on Port Arthur, until Admiral Togo received the report of the success of the torpedo fleet, when he decided upon following up the success. Lieut. Matsushima received a severe wound in the thigh—five inches long and an inch deep—from a splinter caused by a 35-cm. shell fired from the forts.

Captain Simmonds, who arrived at Shanghai from Port Arthur, stated that when he left port on board a Norwegian steamer, there was a very heavy engagement going on. Three Russian cruisers were in a sinking condition, and several of the Japanese vessels were badly damaged, one cruiser especially. The Fujing, which was in port taking on board women and children, had her funnel shot away, but was otherwise undamaged.

Mr. Odagiri, the Japanese consul-general at Shanghai, telegraphed on February 14th that he had been informed by the officers of a steamer, which left Port Arthur on the afternoon of the 10th, that, when the vessel left there, the Russian was lying at the entrance to the harbor. She had heeled forward and the fore part was crouching down. The Poltava and Carewichev were taken on the 9th into port at the western end of the harbor. At Port Arthur, the officers reported that the Japanese were getting on well.

As an instance it was mentioned that the price of eggs had advanced to 20 cents each, while beef was selling at one shilling per pound. On the 10th the Russian authorities at Port Arthur issued an order to the people there requesting them to purchase all the necessary food stuff up to 3 p.m. the same day, it being announced that the authorities had decided to appropriate all provisions after that time to the military service.

The censorship that is being exercised in Japan over press telegrams since the situation became acute differs considerably from that which was adopted during the Kobe-China war. "Some foreign correspondents in Japan recently found that the censorate would not permit them to wire to their papers the number of killed and wounded on the Japanese side in the Port Arthur battle. We know of more than one case where the censorate struck out these figures from the messages dispatched, though the figures were those issued in Japan by the authorities as official. Other correspondents were apparently allowed to wire these figures so that it would seem the various officials employed take different views of their duties.

"We note the editor of the Eastern World states that the words of a telegram in which he reported, as correspond-

dent of a German paper, the detention of the steamer Emma at Yokohama were deleted by the censorate, and many other instances have come to our knowledge of statements that are true being struck out of messages sent to home papers, even in cases where only the most imaginative official could discover the seed of injury to Japan's interests. Such methods naturally suggest that it was deliberately intended to take Russia by surprise and strike a blow before it was realized at St. Petersburg that the rupture of diplomatic relations meant the beginning of hostilities. It is even rumored in Tokyo that for ten days before the actual rupture of relations took place not a single telegram—whether dispatched by a legation or a private individual—was allowed to leave Tokyo for abroad."

The Tung Wen Hu Pao hears from its Kiangsi correspondent that recently the wife of the notorious rebel Wang-Wu-Fee led over ten rebels to a cave behind a market town at Loong-En, of which they made a hiding place. A few days ago four of Wang's accomplices went to the military commander Woo, and offered to him their services for capturing these cave rebels. Accordingly, the offer was accepted, resulting in the capture of the whole gang and nine other followers, four of whom were shot dead, and the rest were escorted to the local authority for disposition.

While the Shang-Lin magistrate was reviewing the volunteers, suddenly there came a number of rebels to attack the former. Over a hundred of these volunteers were killed in the encounter, and the magistrate took to flight. Then the rebels carried away with them over a hundred females. When the Lai-Ling magistrate heard of the alarming news, he dispatched troops to the scene, but he, too, was defeated.

On another day the magistrate gave the military officers who performed the recent a banquet held at his own yamen, and during the banquet the news came that between three hundred and four hundred rebels were attacking a village some distance from the city, and that relief was urgently needed. It was then night time, and there were but forty or fifty bodyguards in the city. Fearing that the worst might come, the banquet was suspended and orders were given to safeguard the city. The two Russian men-of-war were then left to the mercy of the rebels. While the bodyguards were on their way back to Loong-Chou, reaching Bar Loong, they had a conflict with the rebels, in which six of the former were killed, and several wounded. The rebels carried away their dead and wounded, and ordered the women and children who they had captured to be put in the native craft at anchor, and then they sailed away with their spoils chiefly in the form of opium and cloth, amounting to about \$7,000 or \$8,000. These craft from Ning-Ming district were loaded with New Year's goods. When the guards noticed what had happened, another conflict ensued.

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FOR LIFEBOAT FUND.

Preparations for the Production of "The Creation" Progressing Satisfactorily.

The Lifeboat Association committee held a meeting in the office of the honorary secretary last evening in order to make arrangements for the giving of the oratorio "The Creation." A committee was appointed to sell tickets and look after the details.

It was decided in connection with the sale of tickets that a special issue for His Majesty's land and sea forces should be prepared and sold at 25 cents each. Tickets will be distributed at Work Point barracks and at Esquimalt.

The secretary reported that the following subscriptions had been received: His Honor the Lieut-Governor, \$100; Miss A. M. Galletly, \$20. These, with the subscription of A. J. C. Galletly of \$50, make a total of \$170.

Another meeting of the committee will be held this evening at the office of the honorary secretary in order to complete arrangements for next Tuesday's concert.

The rehearsals in connection with "The Creation" are being held regularly and satisfactory progress is being made. The chorists and orchestra will hold a full practice in the Metropolitan church at 8 p.m. on Sunday night, and again on Monday evening, when Miss Bradley, of Tacoma, will be present. A full rehearsal will be held.

The Schlesische Zeitung, Berlin, publishes a statement said to have been received from court circles in St. Petersburg, that the Czar was filled with emotion at the friendly spirit shown in Emperor William's recent letter to him on the war in the Far East, and that when he read it he burst into tears.

Last year Britain imported 450,000,000 lbs. of butter, and 285,000,000 lbs. of cheese, the total value of imports of dairy products reaching the attractive figure of \$109,000,000.—Westminster Gazette.



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Soloists: Soprano, Miss G. H. Bradley; Tenor, Mr. T. G. Howard; Bass, Mr. Herbert Taylor. Organist, Mr. Jesse A. Long. Orchestra Leader, Dr. Nash.
ADMISSION 50c.
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Dissolution of Partnership

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THE G. T. P.

All obstacles to the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company of the new transcontinental line appear to have been overcome. There is no doubt that Parliament will ratify the agreement as modified and that the active work on the road will begin during the present year.

We think it is a fortunate thing for the country that the company is so thoroughly in earnest that it will permit no ordinary difficulties to thwart its ambition to reach the Pacific. Government railways have not proved so successful on this continent that the people would be likely to view with enthusiasm any proposition involving such an addition to the mileage of the Intercolonial as its extension to the Pacific Ocean. But, as the government is committed to the principle of the opening up of new regions all through the northern portion of Canada, there is little doubt that if reasonable terms could not have been made with the pioneer private line the task would have been undertaken as a public work.

The extension by two years of the time for the completion of the line will make no practical difference to the people of any part of Canada. The work will be prosecuted with all the vigor possible. It will be finished with the greatest celerity compatible with thoroughness. The immense amount of capital locked up in the line is the strongest guarantee of that. The greatest immediate activity will prevail on the prairies. There the work of construction will be the easiest and the demand for transportation facilities is now the strongest. Population is pouring in by thousands monthly. The construction of the Grand Trunk line will open up an entirely new belt of territory to the agriculturist and will result in an increase of business which will make its influence felt in all parts of Canada.

ELECTION METHODS.

Equanimity is probably the only constituency in the world where the electioneering methods described by the London Chronicle could be improved upon. This is how they do it in England: "An elector enters the agent's room. Agent (holding up three fingers, to signify three sovereigns): Well, Mr. Smith, how are you to-day? Mr. Smith: I am not very well to-day. Agent (holding up five fingers): I am sorry you are not very well to-day. Mr. Smith: O, I am not very ill. It is all right. Then Mr. Smith looked out of the window while the agent put five sovereigns on the table. It was then the agent's turn to look out of the window, and when he turned around again Mr. Smith and the 15 had disappeared. Mr. Smith never saw the agent put down the money; the agent never saw Mr. Smith pick it up. Consequently when a parliamentary commission was appointed the agent swore he never gave Mr. Smith any money, and Mr. Smith swore that no one gave him any."

Recent revelations in Toronto prove that the Tories of Canada have perfected a system that is highly creditable to their ingenuity as well as marvellously effective in winning seats. The scheme appears to have been first put in operation in 1895, just in good time for the general elections of 1896. If it could have been carried out all through Canada the corrupt government of that day might have been in power yet. The operations were so complete and comprehensive as to involve the stuffing of the voters' list and the ballot boxes. A good, conscientious Tory, encountered with a superabundance of property, would divide up his city lots amongst trustworthy henchmen, merely for voting purposes. Then the names of the nominal owners were placed on the voters' lists. If the necessary number of reliable persons could not be secured, fictitious names would do. The deputy returning officers were always above suspicion. They would cast the votes of absentees or dead men.

In the late municipal elections as many as twenty-five bogus votes were cast in some of the sub-divisions. People who

had no knowledge of the methods of scientific political agents will now understand why Sir Charles Tupper was anxious to secure control of the electoral machinery of the provinces and why he held that that was the only means by which the Dominion could be captured. Also why the controllers of the Tory machine have displayed such a deep anxiety of late to capture the municipalities for the party. And to think that they are all consumed with such a burning desire to put down corruption and cleanse public life of its offences.

RAILWAY DISCRIMINATION.

If the recently created Railway Commission performs the duties it was brought into existence to undertake, Canadians will have abundant reason for thankfulness. Just to prove that the commission will have one job on its hands that will prove no sinecure, the Toronto Globe returns to its self-imposed task of pointing out the injustices we in Canada suffer by reason of the discrimination of our own railways, built largely from public money, in favor of the products of the United States. Our contemporary in the article from which we shall quote deals entirely with transcontinental cities. But the discrimination is general, and, as has been pointed out, it in some instances entirely overcomes the advantages the tariff is supposed to give home products. Enterprise is admirable. It is inspiring to behold Canadian roads reaching across the boundary for business, but they should not be permitted to discriminate to the disadvantage of Canadians. If there is to be a most favored nation in the business we should be the one. The commission will probably demand an explanation, and the reply will be awaited with a good deal of interest.

The Globe points out that the C. P. R. in the west is exempt from control, so far as the reduction of rates is concerned. But there is little room for doubt as to the power of the commission to prevent discrimination between shippers and also between different localities. On agricultural implements the rate per cwt. on car lots to the Canadian coast cities is \$1.38 from Toronto and Montreal, and \$1.20 from New York, Boston, and Baltimore. The rate for the American part of this haul must be recorded as a separate contract, so the adverse discrimination against Canadian shippers over the Canadian line is even greater than that appears in the published schedule. The rate on dynamite from Montreal and Toronto is \$1.58 and from the American cities \$1.45. This is a discrimination of thirteen cents per cwt. against the Canadian manufacturers, and deprives them of such advantages as the protective tariff affords. There is a still greater discrimination on drugs, the rate being \$1.43 to Canadian and \$1.45 to American manufacturers and shippers. On less than car lots the discrimination is still greater, the rate being \$1.95 from the American coast cities and \$2.15 from Toronto and Montreal. The general rate on machinery is \$1.53 to the Canadian manufacturer and \$1.45 to his American competitor. On bolts, nuts, and similar manufactures of iron there is an adverse charge of 10 cents per cwt., the rates being 95 cents to Canadians and 85 cents to Americans. The rate from the American Atlantic coast cities on pianos and organs is \$2.25 per cwt., and from Toronto and Montreal \$2.43. On furnaces and radiators the rate is \$1.55 to the Canadian producers and \$1.45 to the American. On farm wagons the rates are, respectively, \$1.38 and \$1.50. The discrimination is as heavy as 20 cents per cwt. on sewing machines, the charge being \$1.58 from the American cities and \$1.45 from Toronto and Montreal.

RUSSIAN DEMORALIZATION.

We fear if the curtain were lifted it would appear that the old and trusted ally of Russia had turned his forces against her. It may be that her generals are hiding their time and mustering an overwhelming force, which, at the opportune moment they will swing down upon the puny enemy and sweep him into the sea, according to predictions. That is one of the possibilities. But other explanations may be advanced for the apparent state of paralysis into which the armies of the Czar have fallen. The dispatch we publish to-day about the effects of bitter cold, starvation and disease upon the poor fellows who are being hurried through inclement regions to the scene of operations may exaggerate some of the features of the situation. But they are possibilities, and they may furnish the true reason for the conditions which appears to give the Japs power to strike just such a staggering blow to the land force of their enemy as they have already dealt to his fleet.

The Slav is injured to all sorts of hardship. Centuries of experience has developed him into the type best suited to endure the bitter cold, the poverty and the privations of a rigorous climate. But a journey of five thousand miles in a railway truck, without fire or proper sustenance, with the thermometer indicating from twenty to forty degrees below zero, is an experience calculated to try the constitution of any animal that has not the constitution of a polar bear. It is morally certain that the Russian soldiers are not in the fittest physical shape when they reach the front. If disease has attacked them, in their weakened state imagination can easily picture the condition of affairs in the camps.

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They have their own state of demoralization to overcome as well as the enthusiastic, patriotic and triumphant battalions of the Japanese. Another illustration of the fact that the nation that is prepared to strike at the psychological moment occupies the position of vantage.

A PROGRESSIVE COMPANY.

This province has not many native-born financial institutions, and the success which has attended the operations of the British Columbia Permanent Loan & Savings Company should be a matter of pride to us all. This company has been doing business for six years. It has been careful and conservative in its methods. And yet within that short time it has progressed so rapidly that during the year of which the annual meeting just held marks the close of the increase of business, as the president points out, amounted to more than a third of a million dollars. It is estimated that the earnings for the year will amount to one hundred thousand dollars, with assets of about one million three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

If the progress of the company in the past has been highly satisfactory, its prospects for the future appear to be no less bright. Its growth during the past year was greater than that of any other company in Canada in the same line of business. The agents of the concern, we are told, are breaking into the Northwest, into Manitoba and even into far eastern Nova Scotia. They are in the midst of Canada's most active parts. Wherever there is profitable business they are after it. This enterprising spirit, taken in conjunction with the fact that for every dollar of stockholders' money invested the company holds two dollars of approved security, would seem to be a sufficient guarantee for its future. The report of the proceedings of the annual meeting, published in another column, is interesting reading.

The legislator of a democratic country has a material advantage over the fellow whose vote places him in office. The workman must depend upon his union to keep up the rate of wages and upon his employer to meet the terms of the union. The "unorganized" are in a more dependent position still. The merchant must keep his business eye open and his business talent working at all times if he hopes to add to his stores. The legislator simply votes himself an increase of salary. That vote settles it. The increase goes into effect without protest. The Senators and representatives of the United States are about to increase their wages from five to eight thousand a year. The President will be asked to take seventy-five thousand in lieu of the fifty thousand now paid. Democratic peoples are good to themselves.

M'BRIDE'S PROMISES.

Rossland Miner.

Premier McBride has promised to convene the legislative assembly during the coming summer and then introduce his long-delayed railroad policy. The great trouble is that McBride has made so many false promises that no one will care to believe him in this instance. Meanwhile the country suffers, not only from delay in railway legislation, but from uncertainty and distrustfulness of the leader of the government.

THE HORRORS OF WAR.

Chicago Record-Herald.

When the battleship Obolavsky meets the cruiser Okamura, and the warship Pietropavsky, hangs against the Shikoshana, Ah, the sea will then turn bloody. All the decks will then be bloody. And the anxious world will wait for the news with bated breath. There will then be much to pay. And the one who gets away will have the thrilling tales to tell of the blood-drenched sea.

When the mighty Shikoshima rams the great Kovachoff, and the helpless Hakorimo gets hit from the Horosimoff, Ah, 'twill be a fearful sight. Many a soul will take its flight. To the realm of the dead in which the ones who go before dwell! Who may guess the epidemic? War is hellish with its force. Even though a rose may blow where a heretic once fell.

WEAKNESS ALLIED WITH WEAKNESS

Kootenay Mail.

The Liberals are laughing in their sleeves at Premier McBride's announcement that his government is going to do all in its power to help the Conservative party in the coming Dominion elections. The province is so heartily sick of the McBride government that the outfall would damn any party with which it became associated.

RUSSIA FORCED HOSTILITIES.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

The cry that comes out from Russia that she was "stabbed in the back" by the Japanese, and that the action of Japan in attacking her ships at Port Arthur was "treachery" and "truly Asiatic," reminds one of a big, overgrown bully crying after a small boy who has hit him in the eye. Formal declarations of war are no longer necessary, but the declaration of Japan that she had broken all relations with Russia and would take steps to protect her own interests was tantamount to a declaration. Russia won't gain any sympathy by whining.

CARRYING OUT THE SIMILE.

Judge.

"Ah!" sighed the romantic lady, as she and her escort stood at the top of the toboggan slide at Montreal, "how much more resembles tobogganing! At first there is the pondering over the choice of a mate; then the settling down and coming to an understanding as to the rules of the game, and then together the happy pair sail far, far away, thinking of nothing except the delight and joy of being together."

APPRECIATION OF CANADIAN LAW.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The Canadian administration of the law in the Northwestern Territory would furnish a good model for the United States to follow. These new territories are being invaded by settlers in large bodies. The nationalities from every part of Europe are rushing into the country. Peace, law and order prevail, the law is honestly administered, there is no talk of suspicion of "graft" or "pull," and Americans who go to the new land are among those who are ready to admit that Canadian rule is admirable. The famous Northwest Mounted Police are model officers, chosen for their "moral record," as well as for their bravery and energy. They enforce the law; lynchings, rioting and whitecapping, with which we are afflicted, are unknown.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Toronto News.

Golf being recommended as a cure for rheumatism, we may soon expect to have Rugby football prescribed for badness.

Corsets and Whitewear

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SPENCER'S

Western Canada's Big Store.

Blouses and Skirts

The new department is on our big second floor. Take the elevator.

Newness Pervades The Air

The new things are being rushed through in a hurry. Its the first opportunity to get a comprehensive idea of what's to be worn. You'll see evidence of new things all over the store. New Wraps, New Dress Fabrics, New Waistings, New Head Dress, New Laces, New Blouses, Etc., Etc.

Some Clever Spring Wraps

The gowning of women is perhaps the chief feature of this store. Our buyers scour the foreign fashion centres for what's newest and best: A word of these:

Stylish short coats, with the new bell sleeves, in Russian blouse and box effect, or canvas cloth; gowns, grays, blacks; soft black surahs and taffetas elaborately trimmed; pleated tucks and shirring.

A fawn voile, silk-lined Russian blouse effect, very full sleeve, shirred lace, sleeves trimmed of lace and lace medallions.

A very stylish black accordion pleated canvas cloth coat, in box style, waist length, cuffs and bottom of coat has three rows of heavy white silk stitching; handsome collar of silk braid applique over taffeta silk.

Accordion pleated voile skirts over silk foundation gown, cream, and grey, \$15.00. Second floor, Broad street.

Spring Millinery Newness and Exclusiveness

The very newest conceptions are here, and they are exclusive styles. That is a feature of this department, and is recognized by many excellent dressers. As these new hats come in from Paris and New York they are the centre of much interest. We are not hiding them, though, we'll give them a setting in a few days that will make them even more interesting. Second floor, Broad street.

THE PRACTICAL JAPS.

Montreal Star.

The Japanese regulations for war correspondents are said to be simple and practical. The Japs are nothing if not practical. The censors say, "Go ahead, boys; send what you like," and then they cut the cable.

GOT BURNED BEFORE.

Toronto World.

Emperor Bill sympathizes with Russia, but, remembering a certain memorable communication to Oom Paul Kruger, he has asked the Czar to be excused from putting his sympathy in writing.

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Paris Model in The New Blouse Section

Some exquisite French evening waists are on exhibition to-day in the new department; only one of a kind, and not many kinds. The prices range from \$6.75 to \$20.00.

A beautiful pale pink chiffon waist, trimmed alternately with rows of the material and three rows white baby ribbon.

Pale green Duchess satin, trimmed with beautiful lace ornaments in sleeves and body; elbow sleeves, trimmed chiffon.

Cream accordeon, pleated chiffon waist over silk; yoke and sleeves trimmed with coffee colored insertion.

Cream crepe de chene waist, Monte Carlo front, and lace epaulet, stole effect; yoke and cuffs of heavy cream insertion.

New Neckwear for Spring

A dainty showing of pretty new things in lace and silk effects. Main aisle, Government street.

The New Dress Goods

All the new weaves are fast falling in now; new voiles, new canvas cloths, new etamines, new crepes, etc.

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Flaked French canvas cloths in browns, grays, fawns, greens, blues, etc.

Novelty canvas cloths for blouses in broken checks of various sizes; blue and white, red and white, yellow and white, black and white, pink and white. Right aisle, Government street.

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THE OAR.
ANNUAL RACES.

The annual boat races between the crews of the Universities of Washington and California will take place on April 28th. Both crews are training hard in preparation for the occasion. The Washington crew follows: Fred McElmon, stroke; Dan Pullen, No. 2; Clinton Lantz, No. 3; Karl von Kuren, bow (captain); J. C. Knight, coach.

WRESTLING.
JENKINS DEFEATED.

Buffalo, March 1.—Jim Parry, the English wrestler, defeated Tom Jenkins, the heavy-weight champion, in a hand-to-hand wrestling match before the Olympic Athletic Club to-night. Jenkins undertook to throw Parry twice in an hour. He secured only one fall in 20 minutes. Both men were exhausted at the end of the hour's desperate struggle. Jenkins secured the only fall by sheer force of weight, lifting Parry's body clear of the mat, and with Parry trying to bridge Jenkins gradually forced the tighter man's shoulders down for a fall.

BASKETBALL.
ANOTHER PROPOSAL.

An effort is being made to organize a league to be composed of the teams representing Victoria, Vancouver, Everett and Bellingham. The proposal is under consideration, and it is understood that D. E. Douglas, of Seattle, and G. W. Smith, secretary of the Bellingham Basketball Association, will endeavor to carry the scheme to a successful conclusion.

BASKETBALL.
GAME TO-NIGHT.

This evening a match will be played between the junior Y. M. C. A. and Central teams. The game will take place at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets, and will commence at 7:30 o'clock. Following are the teams: Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Matthews and Galloway; centre, Houskamp; forwards, O. Somers and A. Somers.

VICTORIA WEST LADIES WON.

An interesting game was played between the Fernwood and Victoria West ladies' teams last evening at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The result was a win for the latter by a score of 12 points to 6. Both teams played hard throughout, and the game was more closely contested than the score indicates.

In the first half the Victoria West ladies secured a considerable lead by careful combination and accurate shooting. Their opponents did not check hard enough, giving the former many opportunities to shoot, the most of which were improved. At the finish of the initial part of the match the score stood 8 points to 2 in the Y. M. C. A. ladies' favor.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Last evening a meeting of the executive of the basketball association was held for the purpose of considering a protest filed by the Victoria West Junior team against the Y. M. C. A. The former claimed that McIntosh, who played junior for the Y. M. C. A. this season, was on an intermediate team last year. Owing to the fact that the Victoria West association was not represented the protest was thrown out and the game in question awarded the Y. M. C. A. team.

Another meeting of the executive is called for Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The report of Referee Porter on Saturday evening's match between the F. Y. M. A. and Victoria West senior teams will be discussed. In his statement it is explained that the question to be decided is whether the goal, which would give the latter the game, was scored before or after time had expired. He points out that the timekeepers did not agree, and that it was therefore impossible to

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A CHALLENGE.

The F. Y. M. A. boys have challenged the Victoria West team to an exhibition game to decide the question of superiority. This match, it is expected, will take place at an early date.

PLAY AT NANAIMO.

On Friday morning the V. W. A. A. team will leave for Nanaimo to play the Coal City team a return game that evening. If turning on Saturday, they will stop off at Ladysmith and contest a match there. Victoria West will be represented in these matches by their regular team.

LACROSSE.
A COAST LEAGUE.

There has been some discussion in sporting circles recently regarding the possibility of organizing a Pacific Coast Lacrosse League this season. The matter, it is understood, is being considered by a meeting of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association.

A proposal is made by A. M. Stone, commissioner for the Amateur Athletic Union, to the effect that a northern and southern circuit be organized, the champions of the two sections meeting in a grand championship contest at the close of the season.

Mr. Stone, outlining his scheme, says: "Conditions are rapidly formulating toward the establishment of a lacrosse league, comprising teams from Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, with a possibility of a team from Nanaimo, on the British Columbia side, and Tacoma and Seattle in the home territory, this association to be classified as the Northwest Lacrosse League. The Pacific Amateur Athletic Association had in view the formation of one large Pacific Coast league, comprising teams from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, to compete in conjunction with the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association for the Coast championship. Until further consideration, this plan has been found impracticable owing to the distance between teams, and after further consideration, better results may be secured by having two or three separate leagues, the winner in each to play for the Coast championship.

The principal objection encountered in the proposed Coast league is the inability of the British Columbia players to leave their business sufficiently long to make the street of the Coast cities, for most of the players on the Canadian teams have business requiring the closest attention. President Ryall, of the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association, is in favor of a Northwest association. George Armstrong, president of the New Westminster Lacrosse club, is of the opinion that a satisfactory schedule can be arranged between Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria, Seattle and Tacoma, the winner of this circuit to compete with the winner of the southern circuit for the Coast championship. At the present writing this seems to be the only feasible solution of the formation of a Coast league.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.
MATCH ON SATURDAY.

On Saturday afternoon at Work Point barracks a match will be played between the Victoria and Garrison teams. This is one of the provincial league matches. The teams will line up at 3 o'clock promptly.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.
Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be held from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:
Wednesday.
1. Drill, Nos. 3 and 4 companies; 2. Office at 8 p. m.; 3. Meeting of secretaries, 8:30 p. m.; 4. Lecture for junior officers by Col. Hall, 9 p. m.
Thursday.
1. Gymnastic night; 2. Officers' mess meeting, 8:30.
Friday.
1. Gallery practice; 2. Band practice.
Saturday.
Band practice.

FICTION AND SCIENCE.

What Inventors Owe to the Writers of Romance.

At the dinner the other evening in London of the New Yagbouds' Club, Mr. Moore laid it down, in the course of a humorous speech, that writers of romance and poetry had at all times been the progenitors of the most valuable discoveries of science. Was it not Shakespeare who, through the mouth of Ariel, suggested the electric telegraph—if not the telephone as well? Then it was Bacon—that was to say, Shakespeare—who, it was now admitted, had written Bacon's works, who paved the way for the modern science of refrigeration. Tennyson invented the airship of Mr. Santos-Dumont, but he could not at the moment remember who it was that invented Signor Marconi. There was, however, a poem entitled "The Message," which had reference to the successful transmission of a dispatch by wireless telegraphy. It was Jules Verne, of course, who invented the submarine boat, and Mr. Wells who first discovered the man in the moon. In point of fact, it took science now all its time to keep pace with the ideas thrown out by the writers of fiction. Sir William Ramsay, who was the guest of the meeting, admitted the indebtedness of men of science to the writers of romance. The former took all their ideas from the latter. The history of radium was in itself a romance, and its discovery appeared to point to the possible transmutation of one element into another. But he was very far from saying anything that could bear out the suggestion that silver, or copper, or lead could be transmuted into gold.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VANCOUVER.

The vital statistics for the past month were as follows: Births, 40; marriages, 18 (17 whites and 1 Japanese); deaths, 36 (26 whites, 10 Orientals).

The loss from fires in the city during the month of February was unusually light. Had it not been for the fire on Harris street on Monday night, by which a house was gutted, there would have been no loss at all.

The month of February was a comparatively light one in police court records. There were 112 cases before the court all told.

In charge of Inspector D. Howard, of the Northwest Mounted Police, two long term criminals and a lunatic, arrived from the north by the steamer Annapolis. The two criminals, Thomas Morgan and Herbert Weiser, were sentenced at Dawson to serve a term of years in the penitentiary at New Westminster. Besides committing a daring hold-up in the northern capital, five other charges of robbery were lodged against Morgan. Convictions were secured on four, one was dismissed and the other was not brought to trial, as a conviction would not have added much to the man's punishment. What brought Morgan first to the attention of the police was his daring hold-up of two miners. He was captured within an hour after the robbery and was easily convicted on the evidence secured. A search of his cabin gave clues to his other crimes, and the Mounted Police soon had the other cases proved against him. Morgan's sentences aggregate seven years. He will not have to serve all this time, however, as some of the sentences run concurrently. Weiser's sentence was probably the heaviest given to any Yukon criminal last year. He was given 15 years. The charge proven against Weiser was that of placing poison in the sugar to be eaten by several men against whom he had a grievance. Rodenkirch, one of the Quartz creek miners, who used some of the sugar, suffered terribly as a result, and narrowly escaped with his life.

NELSON.

Thomas G. Blackstock, of the War Eagle-Centre Star and St. Eugene Mining Companies, arrived in this city on Saturday, says the News. "Mr. Blackstock's particular mission here is to endeavor to devise ways and means for securing a market for the lead output of the St. Eugene mine in East Kootenay. It is claimed for this great property that it can output more lead than any other silver-lead mine in the world. If it were operated to the limit of its capacity, it is estimated that it would produce 100,000 tons of lead annually. On Saturday evening Mr. Blackstock held a conference with James Cronin, manager and a large stockholder in the St. Eugene; A. G. Garde, manager of the Payne; W. A. Gallier, M. P., and Bruce White, of the Slovan Star. It was in reference to the best means of marketing the lead output of the St. Eugene and other mines of this vicinity. At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Blackstock was seen by a reporter for the Daily News, and asked what his mission in this section was. "As I stated in Toronto, before I started for the west," he replied, "I am looking for a market for the lead output of the St. Eugene. I believe we will be able to find such a market, and I have conferred with James Cronin, manager of the mine and others in relation to it. Nothing has assumed definite form and proportion as yet. I believe, however, that matters will so eventuate that I will be able to give you something definite in a few days. That is all that I care to say along these lines at present."

FERNIE.

F. C. Gamble, of Victoria, was here recently to take steps towards preparing plans for the new Fernie jail for which \$1,800 has been appropriated. Mr. Gamble will prepare two plans, one for a jail entirely separate from the present building and the other an addition to the present building with certain modifications. The department will decide which is the preferable course, and the work of construction will be commenced very shortly.

IN PYTHON'S COILS.

Gipsy Girl Crushed to Death—Spectators Not Aware of Tragedy.

To be crushed by a python seems one of the most awful deaths. Yet it is said to be comparatively painless.

La Pantella, a beautiful gipsy girl, was recently crushed to death by an immense python in a menagerie at Voelklagen, Prussia.

A crowd applauded what it believed to be simply the intense realism of the scene. When the curtain fell the members of the audience dispersed, still not dreaming that they had looked upon a tragedy.

"For a time I thought the woman was in torture," said one spectator as he walked away. "Yes, she is a wonderful actor. Such a look of horror I never saw upon a human face," remarked another. "But how she smiled as the big snake seemed to tighten his coils."

Could they have peered behind the canvas of the menagerie, they would have witnessed the thrilling spectacle would have undergone a quick and startling change.

Half a dozen showmen were busy cutting the folds of the python from the poor little body.

"See how sweetly she smiles," said one of the men.

The next day the newspapers were told how La Pantella was squeezed to death by a python in sight of one thousand persons, so stupid that they cried "Bravo!" as the reptile closed about his victim.

Stupid? Had the woman screamed or even raised a hand in call for help, those who watched her would have known. Nearly every slow death, save when the body is torn or burned or broken—such as by drowning or suffocation by the inhalation of ethal gas—in itself lacks horror. In this category the doctors who examined La Pantella say may now be placed death in a python's coils. Mile. Abiza Fongere, a snake tamer, has been squeezed by a python, and lives to tell her experience.

"We were in Canada," she says, "and it was winter. The weather was so cold that my snakes were almost good for nothing. The cobra was just so many logs the moment I took them out of their

warm blankets in a heated room. The performance was in the evening, and, as I remember, I was very tired. The day's work had been trying. There was just one more act—the exhibition of Monarch, my big python.

"He had been in a strange humor for several days. I was not quite sure of him. The night before, as he had wound himself about my body, I noticed that he twitched, and I was frightened just a little.

"Monarch had been trained to creep out of his box. I would take out enough of his body to wind around my waist, and then I would stand still while he dragged along the rest of his eleven feet and encircled me.

"This he would do most gently.

"But this night as one length after another coiled around me I felt the whole frame of the serpent tighten. I wanted to scream, but I was afraid. The least sign of fear or surrender would be fatal. I held Monarch's head in one hand, and instead of watching my audience beat my gaze into his eyes, speaking to him all the while in a low purring tone to which he was used, but he simply spread wider his great mouth.

"At this I signalled the attendants to go far away, for an angry snake must see no one but his master. The pain was now exquisite. I felt I must totter and fall, but I was held upright as though I stood in a metal pipe. My feet seemed no longer to touch the floor. I was floating through space, with my head on the great head of the python, whose head eyes glowed like twin coals.

"Finally I found myself engaged in strange calculations, harboring weird hopes. How long until I should feel a rib snap? Which one would break first? I had quite forgotten my lungs. I was not using them at all. I could not breathe. Then I closed my eyes and waited.

"Upon my ears broke the sound of music. Yes, it was the old grand-organ of Pierre Leclair, whom I used to know when I was a girl. No longer did I see the poised, vibrating face of the python. The python must have disturbed my line of vision by a but more intense, for I was lifted twenty years ahead and laid in the arms of a great, strong man. Some danger lurked near—when the protecting arm of my husband closed about me.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Co.

The sixth annual meeting of the shareholders was held at the Head Office of the Company, 321 Cambia street, Vancouver, B. C., on Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1904, at 2 o'clock p.m. The President, Mr. Thos. T. Langlois, occupied the chair, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. George J. Telfer, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The following shareholders were present: Senator W. J. Macdonald, Ald. Lawrence Goodacre, David Spencer, H. T. Knott, T. W. Martindale, Thos. La Messurier, J. B. McCallum, William Ritchie, of Victoria; Ralph Smith, M. P., and H. I. Jackson, of Nanaimo; H. A. Eastman, of New Westminster; A. E. Bull, D. H. Wilson, T. T. Langlois, Geo. J. Telfer, R. H. Duke, Geo. Ward, Geo. Martin, T. S. Smith, A. B. Snider, B. C. Alexander, George Grant, D. W. Duke, William T. Stein, A. F. Besley, D. G. Williams, H. Duncan, Mrs. E. Waddell, Mrs. L. Vears and others, of Vancouver. Herbert White, of Agassiz.

The Secretary read the report of the Directors and the Financial Statements for the year, 1903.

The President then said: Gentlemen: Before moving the adoption of the reports as read, I wish to say that the operations of the Company for the past year have been most satisfactory to all concerned. The growth of the Company was not only far in excess of any previous year, but was also far in excess of the growth of any similar company in the Dominion of Canada. The actual increase for the year being over one-third of a million dollars. This result has been made possible by strict adherence to the principles upon which the Company was founded, that is, the complete fulfillment of every promise made by the Company, and crediting of the necessary dividends to mature all stock within the time estimated. We have made it a rule to credit dividends first. This course makes it necessary to keep expenses within the limit of the amount left out of earnings after payment of dividends.

The old Expense Fund plan has been abandoned, and expenses are now paid out of profits, which I believe to be the ideal plan.

The demand for loans still continues in excess of the Company's ability to supply funds, and notwithstanding the very large monthly income which the company now enjoys, we have found it advisable to draw largely on our bankers in order to make a greater number of loans, and consequently greater profits for our shareholders.

It gives me great satisfaction in being able to say that the Company was never in a sounder or more satisfactory condition than it is at present.

One year ago I announced that it was the intention of the Company to establish agencies in the Far Eastern Province of Nova Scotia. This was done in the spring of 1903, and results have been so satisfactory that we have now decided to open up the Province of New Brunswick as soon as we can secure suitable men to take charge. The people of the East have grown tired of speculative investments, and are looking for just such securities as are offered by our Company. Full Paid Stock and 5 per cent. Debentures, whose interest is guaranteed and paid regularly every half-year, and where the value never fluctuates, as the full amount invested can be withdrawn in cash at any time after two years from the date of the Certificate.

Our comparatively small investment in the shares of "The Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company" has proven to be a very profitable investment for the Company. On account of the successful business of said Company, the shares are rapidly increasing in value, and I have good reason to believe that the whole of this stock can be sold today at an advance of four hundred per cent. of the cost-price.

The rapid development of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories assures a continuation of the big demand for loans which we have enjoyed from this prosperous section of Canada during the past two or three years. Our agents, valuers and solicitors throughout this section are men of ability and sound judgment, and men who take pride in showing our inspectors the properties on which they have secured loans for the company.

Actual results for the year 1903 were far in excess of the estimate which I made at the last Annual Meeting. I now estimate that the earnings for the present year will exceed one hundred thousand dollars, and that we will close the year with Assets of over one million three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, notwithstanding the fact that the war is already causing a tightening of the money market.

I am pleased to be able to report once more that all loans put through during the year were passed by the unanimous vote of the Directors.

I beg leave to move that the report of the Directors for the year 1903 be received and adopted.

The Vice-President, Dr. David H. Wilson, said:

Mr. Chairman and Stockholders,—

In rising to second the motion to adopt the Sixth Annual Report of the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company, I can assure you, that as a stockholder, I do so with satisfaction and as a director with considerable pride in the uninterrupted success which has attended this company from its inception down to the present time. When we were incorporated in 1898, the usual misgivings attendant on the establishment of nearly all financial corporations, were freely expressed. Six years, however, of successful effort, culminating in such a report as has just been laid before you, have entirely dissipated all such misgivings, and to-day I feel that I am justified in saying that no corporation is more implicitly trusted by those with whom it does business, and none more thoroughly entrenched in the confidence of the people, who have watched closely its business methods, than is The B. C. Permanent.

A Subscribed Capital of three million dollars, with one million dollars, roughly speaking, invested in first mortgage security, is a six year record of which I feel we are all justly proud.

While it has been the desire of our directors to extend the business of the Company in every legitimate way possible, in so doing they have guarded the securities for stockholders' money, as carefully as they would have investments of private capital.

This Company has aimed, and I am sure has succeeded in securing a staff of reliable and intelligent agents and valuers who I feel have not recommended applications for other than what they have deemed desirable loans. And our Solicitors at the various points are men whose legal standing and probity have insured to this Company titles beyond question. These loans, so recommended and reported upon, are again sifted by the management, and finally coming before the Board, are carefully considered, and those deemed of unquestionable security passed for amounts, and on terms of payment, which have appeared to your Directors absolutely safe for the Company. This system, taken with the fact that for every dollar of the stockholders' money invested, we hold over two dollars of approved security, and that the management of the Company while enterprising has been careful and conscientious, is, I believe, full justification for the confidence which is being so universally extended to the Company, not only this City and Province, but throughout Canada, from this Coast to the Atlantic.

I had occasion last year, in speaking before the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to express the belief that a field of great opportunity was opening up in the rapidly increasing development of Canada's unrivalled resources. Events which have taken place in the interval have justified and more than justified what I then stated, and to-day in British Columbia, with her vast timber, mineral, fishing, agricultural and horticultural resources; in Manitoba and the Territories with their illimitable agricultural and other possibilities, and in Eastern Canada with its rapidly growing manufacturing centres, I am convinced that we have a field for the growth and development of a financial corporation conducted on the principles on which this Company is based, unsurpassed in any other country.

Before sitting down, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the work done by what may be called the field staff. They have had the true interests of the Company at heart, and by their loyalty and energy have added materially to the sum of our success.

As to the system and administration of the Head Office, I feel thoroughly convinced that there is no other business of a financial character in this province, or for that matter in any other province, managed more carefully, efficiently or economically than is that of The B. C. Permanent. The economical and thoroughly efficient system pursued at the Head Office has been subject to favorable comment by men of the highest authority on financial questions in this city, and I see no reason, viewing the success which has attended the management of this Company in the past, and the possibilities presented in this great and rapidly developing Canada of ours, why we cannot look forward to the coming year with a well founded hope for a continuance of the success we have enjoyed during the year which has just been brought to so gratifying a close.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for the confidence you have extended to the Board during the past years, please be assured that our best efforts have been exerted, with an eye single to the Company's success, or in other words, the common good of all stockholders.

Senator W. J. Macdonald, of Victoria, said:

I have great pleasure in saying that I am perfectly satisfied with the workings of the Society. I have asked a good many questions, but it has only been done in the interests of business and in the interests of the Society, and I have been anxious to ask those questions so that I may be thoroughly satisfied with the workings of the Society.

Alderman Lawrence Goodacre, of Victoria, said:

I have great pleasure in endorsing the remarks of Dr. Wilson and Senator Macdonald.

Mr. David Spencer, of Victoria, then said:

I feel that I am proud to belong to the B. C. Permanent, and I am very sorry that I have not more stock in it. It is certainly remarkable when we think of it, the progress that this Company has made. When we think of the vast amount of business done at the very small expense, we are astonished, and when we think of the Permanent Stock when it was issued at par, and to-day they are worth \$135 per share it astonishes one, and the people are very good judges. They would not pay \$135 for stock if it was not worth it. I feel very proud to be associated with the B. C. Permanent, and I hope that as long as I live I will be associated with it somehow, and have more stock in it from year to year if possible.

Ralph Smith, of Nanaimo, then said:

I simply add my vote of confidence to what has already been said. I would like especially to endorse the statement of Dr. Wilson, in reference to the good work done by the Officers and Agents staff. I do not know of any body of men that are more presentable to the people than the gentlemen employed by the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings Company. As far as Nanaimo is concerned, I feel that we have every confidence in the society.

Mr. H. A. Eastman, of New Westminster, then said:

I do not know that I can add much to what has already been said, but I can heartily endorse all that has been said about the efficient and economical manner in which the business has been conducted, and the great progress that has been made by this Company. I have watched it from its inception and the progress that has been made must surely be, as Dr. Wilson has said, a matter of pride to the Manager and Directors, and should also be to the whole population of British Columbia. It is with feelings of pride that I endorse the statements that have been expressed here to-day, and I am sure we all wish the Company a continuation of the great success which they have enjoyed. I am sure our thanks are due to the management and Board of Directors and staff of this Company. I heartily endorse all that has been said.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The election of directors was then held, and resulted in the election of Thos. T. Langlois, Dr. D. H. Wilson, Geo. J. Telfer, David Spencer, W. H. McKinn, Geo. Martin and Geo. Ward.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. Thos. T. Langlois, Dr. David H. Wilson and Mr. George J. Telfer were respectively re-elected to the offices of President, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Mr. R. H. Duke was elected as Secretary of the Company.

The retiring Trustees, Hon. Richard McBride, M. P., P. P., Ralph Smith, M. P., and Alderman Lawrence Goodacre, also retiring auditors, Messrs. W. T. Stein, C. A., and A. A. Boak, were re-elected. All of the Directors, Trustees and Auditors have been unanimously re-elected at each annual meeting since their first appointment, thus proving the entire confidence of the shareholders in the gentlemen who were first elected to control the affairs of the company.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES LOAN FUND as at December 31st, 1903

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Real Estate Loans—First Mortgage	Capital Stock—Permanent
Share Loans on our Stock	Capital Stock—Prepaid
Real Estate	Capital Stock—Paid-up
Real Estate	Capital Stock—Unpaid
Agreement	Capital Stock—Deposit
Sundries Advanced to Borrowers	Dividends—Permanent, Prepaid and Full Paid Stock
Interest Due and Accrued	Dividends—Installment Stock
Head Office Site and Building	Loan Repayments
Estimated Balance to complete \$5,000,000	Amount Due on Uncompleted Loans
Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co.'s Stock	Contingent Fund
Furniture and Fixtures	Reserve Fund
Cash on Hand	Liabilities to Public
	Debentures
	Accrued Interest on Debentures
	Bank of British North America
\$1,066,248 03	\$1,066,248 03

THOS. T. LANGLOIS, President.

GEO. J. TELFER, Secretary-Treasurer.

Vancouver, B. C., January 11th, 1904.

We have audited the accounts of the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company from 31st December, 1902, to 31st December, 1903, and find the transactions of that period accurately recorded in the books of the Company; the receipts accounted for; the payments out of Loan Fund duly authorized; and receipts for all payments produced. We have made a careful examination of the mortgages and have verified the Balance in the Bank and the Cash on hand at 31st December, 1903.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, and also the Statement of Assets and Liabilities are properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a correct view of the affairs of the Company.

WILLIAM T. STEIN, C.A. } Auditors.

A. A. BOAK, }

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Vancouver, Canada, January 11th, 1904.

I hereby certify that I have examined the balance sheet and dividends of the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company, as given herewith, and find the same in accordance with the By-laws of the Company and the laws of the Province. I have also examined the statements submitted to me, upon which are based the profits of the half-year, and upon which Dividend No. 11 is declared, and I approve of the principle upon which such dividend has been computed, and consequently sanction the payment of the same in accordance with Sec. 52, Chap. 22, V.C. 60.

Yours truly,

C. GARDINER JOHNSON, Inspector Investment and Loan Societies.

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Ladies' 7 Jewelled	5 50		
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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 250 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for as individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notes, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year, valued to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Patents may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding \$200,000.

Placer Mining. Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims for either river bench, or the former bed of the river, or on the bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where stream power is used, claims 200 feet square.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain a lease of two acres of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of one cent per ton of gold collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for subsequent years. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Crossed gulches, river bars, and other places exceeding 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, and not exceeding 200 feet in width, shall be leased for a term of 200 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing location notes, and obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One entry shall be made for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The claim shall be a survey made and published, notice in the Yukon Territory and the Yukon Territory.

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HILLS—At 148 Cornsant street, on March
1st, the wife of C. W. Hills, of a son.
DIED.
WHITE—Accidentally drowned at Elk
Lake, on the 28th Feb., John Allen
White, eldest son of Mr. William White,
a native of Victoria, B. C., aged 29
years.
The funeral will take place to-morrow
(Thursday) at 2.30 p. m. from the family
residence, No. 5 Putnam street.
Friends will please accept this intima-
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ENGINEERS' WORK
TO SAVE STEAMER
CAPT. COUSINS TELLS
OF HEROIC LABORS

**Empress of India Brought Gold Ship-
ment—A Meeting to Arrange
Northern Rates.**

Marine surveyors have commenced
work on the steamer Queen. It is ex-
pected that the ship will not be ready for
service again for several weeks. Her
whole stem from the freight deck up has
been burned out. In consequence of the
accident there will be no steamer sailing
for San Francisco until the City of
Puebla leaves on the 9th. As yet no
steamer has been assigned to the Queen's
run, and the trip of the ship this week
will therefore be cancelled.
Capt. Cousins, interviewed by a Seat-
tle Post-Intelligencer representative, said:
"Too much cannot be said in praise of
the conduct of the crew and passengers
throughout, but I feel that special men-
tion should be made of the heroic services
rendered by the men in the engine's de-
partment, namely, William McCreedy,
chief, and Walter E. Anderson, Charles
Harland and George Broderick, first,
second and third assistants, respectively."
"Anderson was overcome by heat and
had to be dragged out. Chief McCreedy
was leading a hose in through the pantry
to the fire and was overcome by the
steam and smoke, and was almost as-
phyxiated. These men were down under
the fire, and in very close quarters, yet
they fought like heroes. They had little
chance of escape in case the worst should
have come. Throughout the fight I re-
ceived regular reports from them as to
everything that was going on."
"First Officer Zeh, Second Officer
Reese and Third Officer Jackson did
valuable work. Fourth Officer Meyers
bravely took charge of one of the boats.
Pilot McKay, formerly in the employ of
the company, rendered valuable service
as a fire fighter. He proved himself a
valuable hero. And Frank Marshall,
chief cook, should not be forgotten. He
prepared and distributed coffee and
sandwiches, and kept among the crowd.
Those who were out in the open boats
were particularly in need of something
to strengthen them after their long ex-
posure."
"Six or seven pieces of coin and jewel-
ry," says the Post-Intelligencer, "were
lost and run together with iron and other
metals, were picked up in the debris
which was removed from the burned sec-
tion of the Queen yesterday."
"No doubt many other such valuables
were thrown away with the trash. A
number of passengers lost diamonds. One
woman lost a collection worth \$800, but
this was found about the time the flames
were extinguished, and was returned to
her."
"The consignees of the cargo on the
Queen, in accordance with marine in-
surance regulations, are being required
to put up general average bonds before
they can remove their goods from the
vessel. This is in order that the people
whose freight came through without
damage shall pay their proportionate
part of the expense incurred in bringing
the ship in for the benefit of all concerned.
As an instance, the vessel's batteries
had to be cut and water used to great
damage of goods in order that the fire
might be extinguished. If the consignee
has his goods insured, the loss is made up
to him in that way, and it falls propor-
tionally heavier on the one whose wares
are uninsured, though damaged. Each
consignee thus contributes to the general
average fund in proportion to what he
has on the ship."

TO ARRANGE RATES.
The question of Alaskan and British
Yukon rates, passenger and freight, were
considered at a meeting in Vancouver
yesterday of the managers and agents of
the various Lynn canal lines and the
White Pass & Yukon railroad. An ef-
fort was to be made, it is understood, to
agree upon a tariff schedule and the pro-
rata charge of the railroad for trans-
portation from Skagway to White Horse
or a through rate to Dawson and other
interior points where desired.
S. H. Graves and A. B. Newell, pres-
ident and vice-president, respectively,
of the White Pass, attended. They were
accompanied by Matt J. B. White, gen-
eral passenger and freight agent of the
White Pass & Yukon; J. E. Pharo and
F. F. Connor, general agent and traffic
manager, respectively, of the Pacific
Coast Steamship Company.

TREASURE ON THE INDIA.
When the R. M. S. Empress of India
arrived from the Orient last night she
had no war paint on. There were no
guns mounted on deck, nor are their like-
ly to be so long as there are no further
complications between nations. An
unusually small number of passengers ar-
rived. There were two Frenchmen
aboard, who, fellow passengers stated,
had been on important missions in the
Orient, and who could, if they desired,
tell some interesting things about Rus-
sian conditions. They were brothers,
named A. and S. Campignon. They are
known for Paris. When asked for an
interview one said he had absolutely no

news. He and his brother were simply
touring for pleasure, and had been trav-
elling through China, going as far as a
thousand miles inland. Lady Bromley,
another passenger, landed here, and was
met at the outer wharf by the Misses
Dunsmuir. She is the wife of Sir Henry
Bromley, Stokes, England. She has been
touring in the Orient for some time.
Other passengers were: H. A. Bromley,
A. and S. Campignon, Dr. W. P. Dun-
lop, Miss M. Foster, G. J. Hawkins, F. S.
Kelly, Miss M. Omslow, W. J. Sch-
roth, R. P. Sharp, P. J. Traverser,
A. R. Tait, A. C. Van Nierop, Captain
Williamson and F. E. Wilkinson.
The Empress brought the second big
consignment of gold, which has come
this way en route to San Francisco.
There were two million yen in the ship-
ment. It was packed in solid iron
wooden boxes not over a cubic foot in
size, but which were so heavy that they
required two men to lift and carry from
the steamer to the wharf. Piled up on a
big truck awaiting its removal to the
city it represented a load for a heavy
horse. The gold, as did previous ship-
ments, came from Hongkong banks.

W. A. SMITH.
THE LIBEL CASE
IS BEING HEARD
EVIDENCE HAS BEEN
GIVEN FOR PLAINTIFF
Action Brought Against the Times Will
Be Resumed This Afternoon Before
Mr. Justice Irving.

The trial of Wiles vs. Times Printing
& Printing Company was proceeded with
this morning before Mr. Justice Irving,
and is proceeding this afternoon.

W. J. Taylor, for the plaintiff, out-
lined the case. The plaintiff was an or-
ganizer of public entertainments, he
said. She came here and entered into
an arrangement with the Willard W. C.
T. U. to give an entertainment. He out-
lined the terms of the arrangement by
which the plaintiff was to participate in
the profits of the entertainment through
the sale of tickets assigned to her. The
local union was to get \$50 and a per-
centage from the sale of tickets up to
\$52, and to get the proceeds from the
sale of the tickets at the door. He
quoted from the Times of June 25th two
separate items. One of these was head-
ed "Siren Voices," and the other was a
local referring to the plaintiff's work in
the city. These items, Mr. Taylor stated,
ruined the plaintiff's business in the city.
He further quoted an editorial re-
ferring to the matter, which appeared a
few days afterwards.

The first witness called was Mrs.
Gordon Grant. She said she was treas-
urer of the Willard W. C. T. U. The
union made arrangements with Mrs.
Wiles. The union was to receive \$50
and a percentage from the sale of tickets
up to \$52, and to get the proceeds from
the sale of the tickets at the door. She
said she saw Mr. Taylor, the manager of
the Times, and was referred to Mr.
Nicholas. She offered the names of two
or three persons to identify the matter
with reference to Mrs. Wiles. Mr. Nicholas
did not wish to do this, and she tele-
graphed herself. Mr. Nicholas phoned
afterwards and asked if a reply had been
received. She replied it had and was
satisfied, and that the entertainment
went on. The telegrams were pro-
duced. Mrs. Grant had sent a message
to Capt. Strubbs, of the Seaman's Home,
Tacoma. The reply was to the effect
that the lady was endorsed. All this
occurred before the publication of the
article in the Times. The plaintiff was
an organizer of entertainments, largely
for charitable institutions, witness said.

Cross-examined by F. C. Gregory, wit-
ness said that she knew Mrs. Wiles only
through her testimonials.

In reply to Mr. Taylor, witness said
that she had no objection to Mr. Nich-
olas with respect to the use of the name
of Mr. McCallister on the circular. She
had told him that this was a printer's
error.

Notes were produced by witness to re-
fresh her memory; objection was taken
to their use. Witness said she saw the
circular after she knew there would be
a lawsuit. She thought she made the
notes before Mr. Cassidy wrote the let-
ter to the Times.

In reply to Mr. Gregory, witness said
that she made the notes the day after
Mrs. Wiles went to Mr. Cassidy.

His Lordship said that he would ad-
mit these notes.

Witness, proceeding, said that the cir-
cular contained the list of the members
of the board with this one exception, that
the name of Mr. McCallister appeared
with the wrong initials, due to a printer's
error.

Cross-examined by Mr. Gregory, wit-
ness said that she did not know the name
of Capt. Strubbs in Tacoma to telegraph to
from Mrs. Wiles's documents. Mrs. Wiles
did not know that she was taking this name
or any others. Witness told Mr. Nelson
that she was satisfied after making in-
quiries concerning Mrs. Wiles. She had
a recollection of saying that the other
lady who accompanied her was not satis-
fied. Mrs. Wiles was looking for the
Seaman's Institute and came into the
hall when witness first met her.

Going into the agreement made, wit-
ness said that there was no arrangement
made with reference to telling those to
whom the tickets were offered what the
agreement was between the union and
Mrs. Wiles. The expenses were to be
borne by Mrs. Wiles. Witness admitted
that the proceeds from the tickets sold
by Mrs. Wiles were to be devoted to pay-
ing expenses and for the advantage of
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The trial of Wiles vs. Times Printing
& Printing Company was proceeded with
this morning before Mr. Justice Irving,
and is proceeding this afternoon.

W. J. Taylor, for the plaintiff, out-
lined the case. The plaintiff was an or-
ganizer of public entertainments, he
said. She came here and entered into
an arrangement with the Willard W. C.
T. U. to give an entertainment. He out-
lined the terms of the arrangement by
which the plaintiff was to participate in
the profits of the entertainment through
the sale of tickets assigned to her. The
local union was to get \$50 and a per-
centage from the sale of tickets up to
\$52, and to get the proceeds from the
sale of the tickets at the door. He
quoted from the Times of June 25th two
separate items. One of these was head-
ed "Siren Voices," and the other was a
local referring to the plaintiff's work in
the city. These items, Mr. Taylor stated,
ruined the plaintiff's business in the city.
He further quoted an editorial re-
ferring to the matter, which appeared a
few days afterwards.

The first witness called was Mrs.
Gordon Grant. She said she was treas-
urer of the Willard W. C. T. U. The
union made arrangements with Mrs.
Wiles. The union was to receive \$50
and a percentage from the sale of tickets
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said she saw Mr. Taylor, the manager of
the Times, and was referred to Mr.
Nicholas. She offered the names of two
or three persons to identify the matter
with reference to Mrs. Wiles. Mr. Nicholas
did not wish to do this, and she tele-
graphed herself. Mr. Nicholas phoned
afterwards and asked if a reply had been
received. She replied it had and was
satisfied, and that the entertainment
went on. The telegrams were pro-
duced. Mrs. Grant had sent a message
to Capt. Strubbs, of the Seaman's Home,
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that the lady was endorsed. All this
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for charitable institutions, witness said.

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ness said that she knew Mrs. Wiles only
through her testimonials.

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Notes were produced by witness to re-
fresh her memory; objection was taken
to their use. Witness said she saw the
circular after she knew there would be
a lawsuit. She thought she made the
notes before Mr. Cassidy wrote the let-
ter to the Times.

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that she made the notes the day after
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mit these notes.

Witness, proceeding, said that the cir-
cular contained the list of the members
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of Capt. Strubbs in Tacoma to telegraph to
from Mrs. Wiles's documents. Mrs. Wiles
did not know that she was taking this name
or any others. Witness told Mr. Nelson
that she was satisfied after making in-
quiries concerning Mrs. Wiles. She had
a recollection of saying that the other
lady who accompanied her was not satis-
fied. Mrs. Wiles was looking for the
Seaman's Institute and came into the
hall when witness first met her.

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